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SUBJECT: FRANCO/US TOUR D'HORIZON CONCERNING ASIA

1. QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ASIA FROMENT-MEURICE TENTATIVELY SUGGESTS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 4 AS PERIOD WITHIN WHICH IT WOULD PROBABLY BE CONVENIENT FOR HIM TO GO TO WASHINGTON FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB CONCERNING EAST ASIA. HE WOULD ALSO HOPE TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON TO DISCUSS SOUTH ASIA, WHICH ALSO FALLS WITHIN HIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. FROMENT-MEURICE SAID HE HAS NOT YET DISCUSSED DATES OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS WITH HIS MINISTER, AND HENCE ABOVE PROPOSAL MUST STILL BE CONSIDERED PROVISIONAL. HE SAID THAT AS IN PAST, TWO DAYS WOULD PROBABLY BE SUFFICIENT FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH EA BUT HE CAN BE FLEXIBLE.

2. AS IN PAST, WE EXPECT A GENERAL REVIEW OF INDOCHINA WOULD FILL AT LEAST ONE OF FOUR SESSIONS AND OTHERS WOULD BE DEVOTED TO CHINA, JAPAN AND REST OF ASIA. FROMENT-MEURICE HAS RECENTLY EXPRESSED INTEREST PARTICULARLY IN KHMER PROBLEM INCLUDING UN CREDENTIALS STRUGGLE, DRV INTENTIONS, AND KOREAN PROBLEM IN UNGA. WE SHALL HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION LATER ABOUT SPECIFIC AREAS ON WHICH FRENCH WISH TO EXCHANGE VIEWS, EVALUATIONS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES.

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3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CABLE SOON ABOUT WHETHER GENERAL
PERIOD WILL BE CONVENIENT FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB
AND SUGGESTIONS FOR SPECIFIC DATES IF POSSIBLE.
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